

## SCHOOL GAMES FACT SHEET

The School Games is a key Government priority for 'realising a meaningful sporting legacy from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games'. With support from three Government Departments (Department of Culture, Media and Sport, Department of Health and the Department for Education) and funding from Sport England through the National Lottery, the School Games is a new approach to competitive school sport designed to motivate and enthuse all young people.

A year round sporting calendar is created in each sub region that is specifically designed to get young people competing at intra-school and inter-school levels, culminating in local, regional and national events. This is supported by the network of School Games Organisers (3 day funded posts to support the delivery of School Games) and the Teacher Release posts (Teachers released from teaching for one day a week in all secondary schools, special schools with secondary aged pupils, middle deemed secondary's and PRUs (Pupil Referral Units) to support delivery of the School Games in their feeder primary schools).

The School Games is a celebration of competitive sport for pupils that provides opportunities for all young people regardless of their experience, talent or ability, and is split into four distinct but integrated levels.

**Intra-school competition** - sporting competition for all students held within their school, culminating in a Sainsbury's School Games Day.

**Inter-school competition** - individuals and teams are selected to represent their schools against other local schools in competitions run by School Games Organisers, with the winning teams progressing to a Sainsbury's School Games Festival.

**Sainsbury's School Games Festival** - regional or countywide festivals and competitions are usually held twice a year to find the best performers in the area as a culmination of school sport competition.

There are many benefits to schools that are involved in the Sainsbury's School Games. These include:

- Resources: using PE and school sport as a vehicle to raise standards through cross-curricular activities.
- Reward and Recognition: monthly awards to schools who blog about their Sainsbury's School Games activities and are active on the School Games website.
- Sainsbury's School Games Mark: nationally recognised award for schools committed to developing and delivering PE and school sport.
- NGB Formats: resources which support schools in delivering intra- and inter-school competitions.

Nationally and locally the Sainsbury's School Games is being delivered through partnerships.

At a local level, the Sainsbury's School Games is delivered by schools, clubs, County Sports Partnerships and other local partners. Local organising committees have been set up and are chaired by Head Teachers, to oversee the county festivals. County Sports Partnerships have an important role to play in helping to stage the festivals.

Level	Educational Aims	Sporting Aims
<p><b>Level One Intra-school Competition</b></p> <p>For many young people, sporting competition is first experienced through intra-school events – between house teams and form groups or in PE lessons</p>	<p>To support the development of young people's wider skills, qualities and aspirations, making a positive contribution to school ethos, attainment and achievement</p>	<p>Level One of the School Games will build on schools' existing work to offer young people a year-round programme of regular intra-school competition in a number of sports, culminating in a School Games Day</p>
<p><b>Level Two Inter-school Competition</b></p> <p>(Years 3-13)</p> <p>Individuals and teams will be selected to represent their school in local inter-school competitions, many of which will consist of leagues</p>	<p>To develop a wider range of opportunities valuing pupils' different abilities and interests through a variety of roles. To create wider support for learning through engaging parents / carers</p>	<p>Schools will have the flexibility to decide which sports to enter, but will be encouraged to involve as many young people as possible by creating breadth in the sport they offer and depth through the creation of more teams in each sport</p>
<p><b>Level Three School Games Festival</b></p> <p>Each country / area will host a multi-sport showcase event (a School Games Festival) as a culmination to the year-round programme offered at Level Two. Level Three will be planned and managed through a Local Organising Committee established in every county, chaired by a <u>headteacher</u></p>	<p>To develop young people's life skills and citizenship through creating a variety of competitive pathways and engaging local businesses and the community so support this</p>	<p>Teams and individuals from all schools involved at Level Two will win the opportunity to compete in this event if they qualify via Level Two school Games leagues or competition in their area. Therefore, those competing will represent the most talented school teams from the local area. Young people succeeding at Level Three will be encouraged to develop their enjoyment of and ability in sport through existing National Governing Body (NGB) clubs and talent pathways</p>
<p><b>Level 4 National Multi-sport Event</b></p> <p>This level consists of a high-profile national multi-sport event, in which the country's most talented school age athletes will compete if selected by their NGB</p>	<p>To provide opportunities for young people to aspire to excellence through increased responsibility in developing their chosen path as a participant or leader / volunteer. Schools with athletes and volunteers attending this event will be acknowledged and recognised nationally</p>	<p>This event will take place in high-profile venues and offer a unique and vibrant atmosphere designed to replicate the world's top sporting occasions. It will aim to support athletic development and act as a stepping stone to further national <u>an</u> international competition</p>